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ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER FEATURES "THE PINELANDS PEOPLE"

William E. Kemble, a lifetime resident of New Jersey, will take us back into history with an illustrated talk on the life and ways of the "Pine People." His talk will point up the old ways, largely inherited from the colonial era, which have persisted into modern times. Color slides will take us into the homes of some of these "Pine Folk." Closely attuned to nature, natives of the Pine Barrens generally lived off the land, and Mr. Kemble's slides show how their occupations changed with the seasons.

Mr. Kemble is no stranger to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey. He attended a one-room school in Lower Bank and spent many years working in his father's nursery business. The one-room school of his youth is now part of the museum village of Smithville.

Thus, while actually living in that unique area in a time when wood stoves and outdoor pumps were the way of life, Mr. Kemble observed the Pine People as they hunted, fished, farmed, trapped, made charcoal and built anything from houses to boats. "The Pinelands People" is a story of New Jersey that spans time and presents an insight into the life and ways of the old and the new.

CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Date

Tuesday, March 20, 1979

Time

Punch Party 6:30 P.M.
Dinner. Promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Place

Haddon Fortnightly

Caterer

D.F. McAllister & Son

Cost

\$11.50 per person

Reservations

Your check, made payable to "Historical Society of Haddonfield," should be sent before March 15th to:

Mrs. William E. Moody
841 Edge Park Drive
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Your reservation will be held at the door.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It would be pleasant to write a reflective discourse on where the Society has been, what it has done and where it is going. There will be time for that later, I hope.

Now our concerns are more immediate, more practical.

The Society faces a major problem. Income is dwindling while expenses are soaring. It was necessary this year to use capital reserves to pay for the renovation of the entire terrace, which had deteriorated badly. The grading was improved to eliminate water seepage, and the drainage system upgraded. It is hoped that these repairs may also help reduce the high level of humidity in the basement.

Other serious problems are becoming evident in *Greenfield Hall* — which is not surprising in a building which has seen 138 years of constant use. Being an historic building, a priceless asset both to Haddonfield and to the Society, *Greenfield Hall* deserves the best of care and maintenance. Considering the age, construction and condition of the building, repairs cannot be done cheaply in any case, and at today's prices, the cost will be high.

As trustees, we have an obligation to maintain and protect not only *Greenfield Hall* but also the gifts of furnishings and manuscripts so generously given to the Society. Our neglect now would be someone's expense in the future.

Do we want to leave such a legacy? I think not. We have in the Society a number of dedicated, interested and talented men and women. Working together, creatively in developing and trying new ideas, I am sure we can meet our needs and fulfill our obligations.

PATRICIA W. LENNON

SAMUEL MICKLE (HIP ROOF) HOUSE

Discussions with the Society's counsel Howard G. Kulp, Jr., Mr. Louis H. Goettelmann, AIA, F.I.A.L., and The Society's Samuel Mickle (Hip Roof) House Finance Committee have resulted in amicable resolution of several questions. An agreement, incorporating changes acceptable to both the Society and Mr. Goettelmann, should be ready early this month. It is quite probable that work can be started this spring on the restoration of the interior of this sturdy survivor of the 18th century.

Present plans call for the restoration of the original two-story building in as authentic a manner as the Society's means permit. The later additions, which historically are not as valuable as the early section, are to be designed as a work-meeting area for the Women's Committee and other committees of the Society.

When the restoration is completed, the Society will be able to offer visitors a unique historic exhibit area while at the same time providing much-needed work space for the many and varied activities conducted on behalf of the Society by its committees and their members.

HOSTESSES

Charlesanna Fallstick and Bette Gericke will call the hostess who volunteered to be on duty each Tuesday and Thursday. If a hostess cannot come on the date agreed on, we are asking her to arrange to have someone take her place. Being a hostess just once a month can be a rewarding experience — not only in becoming better acquainted with the Society's collections and communicating that interest to others, but also having the satisfaction of helping to assure the Society's continued existence.

GALAS AT GREENFIELD HALL

There is no sight more attractive than seeing *Greenfield Hall* decorated with greens or flower arrangements, candle-light adding a warm glow to dark corners, and some special program taking place.

The Woman's Committee, with help from the Evening Group, has held two such gala affairs — the Christmas Craft Shoppe and the February Tea. Though entirely different, both festive events were most successful. Members and their guests could enjoy a sociable cup of tea, while through their purchases at the Craft Shoppe or their donation of an "Auctionable" item to the tea, provide a source of income.

A fashion show, with costumes modeled by members of the Evening Group, was the highlight of the February Tea. Each of the four young women modelled four different types of clothing — night-gowns, afternoon dresses, formal gowns with appropriate wraps and wedding dresses. All the clothes, including the exquisitely embroidered petticoats, came from the Society's clothing collection. All were authentic and all evoked either the spirit of days long since gone or pleasant personal associations.

BOOK COMMITTEE

Although not under any pressure to "publish or perish," members of the History Book Committee are nevertheless investigating the cost of printing new pamphlets to add to those previously issued.

Not only are they looking into the costs (which are discouragingly high), but Mrs. Haydock, chairman of the Committee, has also asked members to read the material carefully for accuracy. "It wouldn't do at all for a Historical Society to print historic material that is not 100 percent accurate," she said.

Another consideration has entered the Committee's calculations: How many people would be interested in buying a pamphlet/book with limited appeal? Is there a large enough audience to justify the time, effort and expense of printing the material? When the cost estimates — the price to be paid as well as the price to be charged — are compiled; the reports from the readers assembled and an assessment made of the number of potential buyers, the Committee will make its decision whether or not to publish.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Three new books and a research paper were recently given to the library: From Mr. Sherwood Githens, a genealogy of the Githens family from 1741 to 1977; from Haddonfield Friends of the Library, a copy of "History of the Haddonfield Library," by its former director, Mrs. Beatrice S. Stuckert; from Mrs. Charles H. Carre', a copy of the Haddonfield Methodist Church Sesquicentennial Book (1829 — 1979) in memory of Howard R. Kem-

ble; and from Mrs. Haydock, a copy of her *History of the Garden Club*, written in 1966.

In announcing these gifts, Society librarian Gertrude Hess mentioned the importance of books, genealogies, study papers, letters and other printed material in reflecting the total life of the community and their value to present and future students of local history.

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NEWS — WHAT'S GOING ON NOW

The Society's bylaws are being revised. Since the Society is a dynamic organization, changes occur constantly. The bylaws must be revised to reflect these changes and perhaps even to anticipate them.

The Society will be featured in an early spring edition of the PATCO newsletter. Caroline Moody has been working with their public relations staff gathering the information needed for the article.

A Committee, with Henry Watson as chairman, has been established to develop plans for a suitable program to celebrate the Society's 65th anniversary in Novem-

ber. Ideas, suggestions or comments from members will most surely be welcomed.

The question of the Society's applying for grant money has been raised on several occasions. Bill Olver has agreed to investigate the various grants available, requirements for eligibility and conditions under which grants are made.

